

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In the winter of 1938, Groton, South Dakota, decided to hold an ice skating carnival for the opening of its new ice skating rink; and,

WHEREAS, Under L. E. Falks' planning and direction, the skating event was organized for both young and old skaters from Groton and nearby towns; and,

WHEREAS, Over the years, Groton's annual ice carnival has added new equipment, enlarged and added on to the ice skating facilities, and increased the number of skaters to include guest skaters from the northeastern part of South Dakota, Jamestown, North Dakota, and Minneapolis, Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, Groton's annual winter-sports event has become the most colorful outdoor affair of its kind in the entire northwest, as well as one of the most elaborate outdoor ice carnivals in the entire country; and,

WHEREAS, Over the ensuing 50 years, many of Groton's men and women have been crowned the Carnival of Silver Skates royalty; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of one of South Dakota's communities' outstanding endeavors on its 50th anniversary:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the days of January 30 and 31, 1988, as

CARNIVAL OF SILVER SKATES DAYS

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

ATTEST:

George S. Mickelson
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

Robert H. Hays
ROBERT H. HAYS, SECRETARY OF STATE